

## MISSISSIPPI

Park Operational Base Summary: The table below shows the annual park operating base for all parks within this state. Park operational base funds are supplemented by as yet undetermined amounts of project funding from regional or servicewide-managed programs, such as cyclic maintenance, the Natural Resources Preservation Program, and the Drug Enforcement Program.

If a park is in more than one state, the park is included in each of the appropriate state tables. The full operating base is shown; no attempt has been made to split the park operating base amount between two or more states.

Congress'l District Park Units	(dollars in thousands)				
	FY 2001 Enacted	FY 2002 Enacted	FY 2003 Uncontrol Changes	FY 2003 Program Changes	FY 2003 Estimate
05 Gulf Islands NS	5,660	5,971	76	-33	6,014
04 Natchez NHP	1,510	1,533	16	-7	1,542
01,02,03,04 Natchez Trace NST	26	26	0	0	26
01,02,03,04 Natchez Trace Parkway, Brices Cross Roads, Tupelo NB	9,318	9,875	93	-39	9,929
02 Vicksburg NMP	2,320	2,325	28	-12	2,341

For FY 2003, Program Changes include increases contained in park operations and for counter-terrorism activities. Program Changes are reduced for travel and associated costs by implementing management reforms to achieve savings.

This table does not include programs from other appropriations such as General Management Plans, Land Acquisition, Line Item Construction, Federal Lands Highway Program, and Historic Preservation Fund State Grants. Information on the distribution of funds in these programs is outlined on the next page. There are separate sections on General Management Plans and the Trails Management Program.

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(dollars in thousands)

### PROGRAMS NOT INCLUDED IN PARK BASE:

GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLANS (See GMP section for further information)

None

LAND ACQUISITION (see attached)

<u>Park Area</u>	<u>Remarks</u>	<u>Funds</u>
Gulf Islands NS	320 acres	\$4,000

CONSTRUCTION: LINE ITEM CONSTRUCTION

None

PROPOSED FEDERAL LANDS HIGHWAY PROGRAM

<u>Park Area</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Funds</u>
Natchez Trace Parkway	Rehab parkway MP 73-87, phase II	\$910
Natchez Trace Parkway	Construct parkway, project 3X	\$14,500

HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND: STATE GRANTS

State apportionment: \$611

STATE CONSERVATION GRANTS

Proposed state apportionment: \$1,778

(Does not include \$48,600,000 for Cooperative Conservation Initiative, which will be distributed to the states through national competition.)

## Land Acquisition and State Assistance/Federal Land Acquisition

### **Fiscal Year 2003 National Park Service Federal Land Acquisition Program**

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Program or Park Area: **Gulf Islands National Seashore**

National Park Service Land Acquisition Priority (FY 2003): Priority No. 22

Location: Vicinity of Gulf Breeze, Florida, and Ocean Springs, Mississippi

States/Counties/Congressional Districts:

State of Florida/Escambia, Okaloosa and Santa Rosa Counties/Congressional District No. 1

State of Mississippi/Harrison and Jackson Counties/Congressional District No. 5

Land Acquisition Limitation Amount Remaining: Public Law 106-554 authorized the appropriation of sums necessary to acquire land and submerged land on and adjacent to Cat Island, Mississippi.

Cost Detail: The estimated annual operating costs associated with this acquisition are \$0.651 million.

Date	Acres	Total Amount
FY 2003 Request	320	<b>\$4,000</b>
Future Funding Need	1,399	\$7,000

The total amount includes the cost of title, appraisal, environmental site assessment, acquisition, and relocation assistance.

Improvements: None

Description: Gulf Islands National Seashore was authorized on January 8, 1971, to preserve for public use and enjoyment certain areas of the Gulf Coast islands and mainland possessing outstanding natural, historic, and recreational values. The seashore's land protection plan assigns highest priority to the acquisition of tracts on Horn Island designated as potential wilderness additions. Public Law 106-554 authorized the acquisition, from willing sellers only, of lands and interests comprising the 2,000-acre Cat Island in the State of Mississippi. Lands and interests so acquired are to be included within the boundary of Gulf Islands National Seashore.

Natural/Cultural Resources Associated with Proposal: Offshore islands have sparkling white sand beaches, historic forts, and nature trails. Mainland features of this unit, which is located near Pensacola, include the Naval Live Oaks Reservation, beaches, and military forts.

Threat: Acquisition and protection of these barrier islands is necessary to prevent recreational and residential development that would threaten the resources of the National Seashore.

Need: For fiscal year 2003, funds in the amount of \$4,000,000 are needed to acquire a 320-acre portion of Cat Island, pursuant to Public Law 106-554. It is the last remaining undeveloped island on the Mississippi coast. The acquisition of Cat Island will be phased over several years. For fiscal year 2001, \$4,000,000 was appropriated to commence acquisition of the property. An additional \$9,000,000 was appropriated for fiscal year 2002 to continue acquisition of Cat Island. *Acquisition of these lands will contribute to the NPS GPRA Goal 1a Preserve Natural and Cultural Resources.*

Interaction with Landowners and Partners: The owner of the property is a willing seller. The Superintendent of the National Seashore meets regularly with the owner of the tract to be acquired.